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1. DIRECTOR OF WESTERN AFFAIRS AT FONMIN NURI IBRAHIM INFORMED DCM JULY 17 THAT HE WOULD ACCOMPANY OMAR SAQQAF (MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS), KHALID AL-TURKI (DIRECTOR, ARAB AND GULF AFFAIRS) AND AMBASSADOR MOHAMMAD JOUKHDAR (NEWLY-APPOINTED PETROLEUM ADVISOR TO FONMIN) ON FOUR-DAY TRIP TO ADDIS TO BEGIN JULY 18.

2. MISSION TO UNDERTAKE GENERAL REVIEW OF SAG-IEG DIP-LOMATIC RELATIONS; IBRAHIM THOUGHT SAQQAF A GOOD CHOICE SINCE HE HAD BEEN SAG'S LAST AMBASSADOR IN ADDIS.

3. IBRAHIM FELT THERE WAS SOME POSSIBILITY THAT SAQQAF MISSION WOULD RESULT IN REINSTALLING A SAUDI AMBASSADOR IN ETHIOPIA; SPEAKING HUMOROUSLY, HE ADDED HE WAS BEING TAKEN ALONG "TO SEE IF I COULD STAND THE CLIMATE."

4. WILL REPORT FURTHER UPON IBRAHIM'S RETURN.
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